

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Will grant awards be 'all or nothing'?

A: **No, if the grant review committee were to determine the full amount requested was not available or not appropriate, discussions would be held with the applicant to determine if the program could operate if awarded a lesser amount.**

Q: Can a non-profit submit more than one grant for different programs/different partners?

A: **Yes**

Q: Is there a minimum/maximum threshold (amount awarded) per grant?

A: **No, there are no set minimum or maximum amounts per grant award. All grant amounts awarded will be based on the applicant's proposal and the agreed upon amount between NDCS and the service provider and the funds available.**

Q: Does the program of service provided need to serve statewide?

A: **No, submissions may be to provide services either statewide or local.**

Q: Will providers have access to any assessments completed during incarceration or will they need to develop their own assessment?

A: **Per state statute, a signed release is required for NDCS to provide any inmate-specific assessment information or other information contained in the inmate file.**

Q: How many grants will be awarded?

A: **The number of grants awarded depends on the applicants meeting the requirements and the funds available. There is no set limit.**

Q: What is the grant time frame?

A: **The grant time frame will be 17 months from February 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.**

Q: Is there a limit to the number of pages for applications?

A: **No. The expectation is the application will be as long as necessary to provide all relevant information.**

Q: Is funding for one year?

A: **The funding for the grant announcement, December 2, 2014 is based on the NDCS/State's fiscal year; however, due to the timing of the announcement an additional 5 months will be added. This makes the time frame 17 months from February 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.**

Q: When may the grant start?

A: **The grant will start based on the individual applicant proposed start date/agreement date between the NDCS and provider, which may be as soon as February 2015.**

Q: Is there a specific indirect rate to be used when applying for a grant?

A: **There was no specific direct cost rate identified as the intent is for items normally associated with indirect costs to be listed under other costs.**

Q: Will there be any future availability of funds/another grant announcement?

A: **Beginning in July 2015, it is anticipated new funds in the amount of \$3.5 million will be made available to NDCS to provide grants through the Reentry Initiative. It is anticipated a new cycle will be introduced this spring (2015).**

Q: Are there required software programs for tracking data/record keeping?

A: **No, the requirement is for the data (required by statute and agreement) to be tracked, recorded, and provided based on agreement or when requested.**

Q: What separate justification is required for a sole source contract in excess of \$50,000?

A: **The justification for a "sole source" consultant/contract should explain the uniqueness of service that the consultant/contractor can provide and why the contract rate would be competitive.**